

# SEER Inquiry System - Report

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### References:

#1: SEER App F, 2003+ Surg Codes, F-19. January 2003

#2: 2004 SEER Manual, C-456

### Question:

Surgery of Primary Site--Soft Tissue: What code is used to represent this field when an excisional biopsy of a soft tissue sarcoma is followed two weeks later with a wide excision (re-excision)?

### Discussion:

### Answer:

For cases diagnosed 1/1/2003 and after: Code the Surgery of Primary Site field to 26 [partial resection]. According to the CoC, "Excision" in the surgery codes refers to the lesion and "partial resection" refers to the organ. The biopsy is a local excision (code 25). The wide resection is code 26, presuming that more than just the remaining lesion was removed.

### History:

For cases diagnosed 1998-2002: Code the Surgery of Primary Site field to 20 [Partial resection].

### Cancer Site Category:

Sarcoma

### Data Item Category:

Surgery of Primary Site

### Other Category:

N/A

### Year:

2002